## **Hurricane Irene Recovery Assistance:**

**Connecticut Residents:** Residents who sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Irene must register with FEMA by phone or online. If you reported damage to the 2-1-1 infoline you still must register with FEMA.

To register by phone, residents can call: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The TTY line for people with speech or hearing disabilities is 1-800-462-7585. The line is open from 7 am to 10 pm, 7 days per week.

To register online, visit <u>www.fema.gov</u>. If you have any disaster assistance questions, call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

**Connecticut Businesses:** Businesses sustaining damage will be eligible for assistance, including bridge financing and loans covering uninsured losses, through DECD. Highlights include:

- Loans of up to \$200,000 to companies for storm-related damage, including property, machinery and equipment, and working capital;
- Loan guarantees of up to \$200,000 will be provided to banks and other lenders to spur local lending to businesses impacted by the storm;
- Grants will be available to businesses for assistance in disaster recovery, such as temporary help and training; and
- Technical assistance, linking businesses to a wide array of state and federal resources.

Agricultural businesses are eligible for funding.

Visit the CT Department of Economic and Community Development for an application. http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1097&q=485346

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